



Department of Environmental Quality

*To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's
environment for the benefit of current and future generations.*



Matthew H. Mead, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

October 27, 2014

RE: Information Concerning the 2015 Ozone Action Days/OCP Implementation

Dear Ozone Contingency Plan Participants,

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (AQD) has asked that Ozone Contingency Plan (OCP) Participants develop short-term emission reduction contingency plans that can be implemented with one day notice from the AQD of an impending Ozone Action Day (OAD). Upon issuance of a 24-hour advance notification from the AQD, participants are to implement as many measures as possible indicated on the standardized Ozone Contingency Plan (OCP) checklist. AQD plans to utilize the same standardized checklists as last year to track and monitor emission reduction practices throughout the non-attainment area.

The start date of the winter ozone forecasting season is January 2, 2015 with a tentative end date adjusted to March 31, 2014. However, depending on conditions in the area at that time, AQD may extend the forecasting program beyond that date, which may result in additional Ozone Action Days. Should that happen, I encourage you to continue to implement your plan.

AQD forecasters will continue to notify OCP participants of Ozone Action Day status 24 hours in advance through email and an auto-call voice messaging system. To ensure timely notification of Ozone Action Day statuses, updated contact information should be included with your "Annual OCP" submission, which is due by **Monday, December 1, 2014**. There will be a test of the auto-call and email systems on **Wednesday, December 17** to make sure that the AQD has the proper contact information for all 2015 OCP participants.

The completion of these checklists will allow the AQD to track and monitor which emission reduction activities are exercised by operators during Ozone Action Days. I would like to advocate that all possible measures be implemented with the declaration of any Ozone Action Day, though I recognize that not all measures can be implemented for each event. If an Ozone Action Day is issued, participants will have **10 days** to submit a completed Event Summary Checklist indicating which OCP measures they implemented. Consistent and timely completion of standardized checklists will bring greater insight and planning capabilities to AQD by helping illustrate how contingency plan activities may be mitigating ozone levels on Ozone Action Days.



I strongly encourage you to implement certain activities daily despite Ozone Action Day status. Several of the options (i.e. minimize vehicle and/or engine idling) are not only helpful in achieving daily emissions reductions, but are cost efficient. We appreciate the willingness of participants to voluntarily implement long-term measures to reduce ozone precursor emissions, and welcome information and feedback about those reductions. Should you determine that you are able to implement additional measures not included on the checklist, please be sure to include them on the bottom of the form.

The template "Annual OCP" checklist will be provided by e-mail and can be also be obtained online at <http://deq.state.wy.us/aqd/Ozone%20Contingency%20Plans.asp>. The template "Event Summary" checklist will be sent out in December, and can also be found on this website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any immediate concerns or inquires. I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Mangin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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